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In re Application of:	:	
MORISHITA, et al.	:	
Application No. 09/671,429	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO
Filed: September 27, 2000	:	WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
Attorney Docket No.: HITA.0024	:	ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on the petition filed, September 16, 2004, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment for the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The application was held abandoned for failure to respond to the Office action mailed May 29, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 16, 2004.

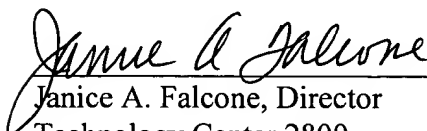
Petitioner asserts that on August 29, 2003, a response was timely filed. To support this assertion, petitioner has submitted a copy of the response and a copy of an itemized postcard date stamped by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on August 29, 2003.

A review of the application file record reveals that the above-identified response was not associated with the application file at the time the Notice of Abandonment was mailed, but has since been located and matched therewith.

For the above stated reason, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. The application is restored to pending status.

The application file is being forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action.

Inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Lissi Mojica Marquis at (571) 272-1596.



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